

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of employees of certain businesses or organizations established as part of the state's economic development program and of dependents of those employees to pay resident tuition at public institutions of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 54.066, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 54.066. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION.

(a) A person who registers at an institution of higher education without having established resident status in this state under Section 54.052 is entitled to pay tuition and required fees at the rate provided for residents of this state if:

(1) the person or, as determined by coordinating board rule, an adult member of the person's family who resides in the person's household and is a primary caretaker of the person establishes by the institution's enrollment date a residence in this state as a result of the person's or caretaker's employment by a business or organization that, not earlier than five years before the enrollment date, became established in this state as part of the program of state economic development and diversification authorized by the law of this state; and

(2) the person files with that institution of higher education a letter of intent to establish residency in this state.

1 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in
2 consultation with the Texas Economic Development and Tourism
3 Office, shall establish procedures to determine:

4 (1) whether a business or organization meets the
5 requirements of this section; and

6 (2) the date on which the business or organization
7 became established in this state as part of the program of state
8 economic development and diversification.

9 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
10 54.066, Education Code, applies beginning with tuition and required
11 fees for the fall 2010 semester. Tuition and fees for a semester or
12 other academic term before that semester are covered by the law in
13 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
14 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2244 passed the Senate on April 24, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2244 passed the House on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 5, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor